

STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF
LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AT
30TH JUNE, 1956

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement operative
30TH JUNE, 1956)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>				
	s.	d.	s.	d.
<u>COOPERING -</u>				
Cooper	328/-	40	333/-	40
<u>FURNITURE -</u>				
Cabinet Maker	328/-	"	328/-	"
Chairmaker	328/-	"	328/-	"
French Polisher	328/-	"	328/-	"
Wood Carver	328/-	"	328/-	"
Wood Machinist	328/-	"	275/- to 320/-	"
<u>WHILLING & TIMBER YDS.-</u>				
Box and Case Maker	293/-	"	285/-	"
Labourer	267/-	"	258/-	"
Machinist -				
Boults Carver	323/-	"	315/-	"
Moulding	283/6 & 323/-	"	275/6 & 315/-	"
Planing	296/- & 323/-	"	288/- & 315/-	"
Shaping	323/-	"	315/-	"
Orderman	301/-	"	293/-	"
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	295/6 to 328/-	"	287/6 to 320/-	"
Circular	298/- & 320/-	"	290/- & 312/-	"
Tallyman	296/-	"	288/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>				
Boilermaker	328/-	"	320/-	"
Helper	276/-	"	268/-	"
Labourer	262/-	"	254/-	"
<u>WASSWORKING-</u>				
Finisher	303/- & 328/-	"	295/- & 320/-	"
Moulder	281/- to 328/-	"	273/- to 320/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u>				
Electrical Fitter	337/-	"	320/-	"
Linesman	329/-	"	302/6	"
Electric Mechanic	337/-	"	320/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY-</u>				
Electrical Fitter*	368/-	"	346/-	"
Instrument Maker*	392/-	"	371/-	"
Linesman	353/6 & 368/-	"	313/6 to 331/-	"
Sub Station Maintenance Fitter	386/-	"	346/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING-</u>				
Blacksmith	330/6	"	322/6	"
Brassfinisher	303/- & 328/-	"	295/- & 320/-	"
Coppersmith	330/6	"	322/6	"
Fitter	328/-	"	320/-	"

*Additional amount of 15/- per week payable if working at power Stations.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 30TH JUNE, 1956 (Contd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (Cont'd)</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>ENGINEERING - (Cont'd.)</u>				
Labourer	262/-	40	254/-	40
Patternmaker	350/6	"	342/6	"
Shaper	303/- & 328/-	"	295/- & 320/-	"
Striker	276/- & 280/6	"	268/- & 272/6	"
Turner	328/-	"	320/-	"
<u>FOUNDRY</u>				
Coremakers-machine	281/- to 303/-	"	273/- to 295/-	"
Coremakers - jobbing	328/-	"	320/-	"
Dressers	281/- to 300/6	"	273/- to 292/6	"
Furnacemen	290/6 to 298/-	"	282/6 to 290/-	"
Moulders - machine	281/- to 303/-	"	273/- to 295/-	"
Moulders - jobbing	328/-	"	320/-	"
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	283/-	"	275/-	"
Machinist	275/-	"	267/-	"
Solderer	275/- & 283/-	"	267/- & 275/-	"
Sheet metal worker 1st class	328/-	"	320/-	"
Sheet metal worker, 2nd class	303/-	"	295/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	339/-	40	355/-	38
Bread Carter (1 horse)	304/-	"	327/6	40
Ovensman	347/6	"	355/-	38
Single Hand	344/-	"	378/4	38
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES) -</u>				
Baker	307/-	"	306/-	40
General Labourer	274/6	"	276/-	"
Mixer	289/- & 294/6	"	306/-	"
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	295/- & 302/-	"	295/-	"
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	309/-	"	300/9	"
Labourer	295/-	"	288/-	"
Malt Hand	295/-	"	293/-	"
Towerman	302/-	"	295/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	296/-	"	288/-	"
General Butcher	328/-	"	320/-	"
Shopman	328/-	"	320/-	"
Smallgoodsman	328/-	"	320/-	"
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Confectioner (Grade 1)	313/-	"	302/-	"
Storeman	296/-	"	299/6	"
<u>JAM MAKING -</u>				
General labourer	272/-	"	272/-	"
Solderer	277/-	"	277/-	"
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Capper	314/-	"	334/-	"
Guillotine Hand	293/-	"	306/-	"
Jokerman	307/-	"	330/-	"
Packer	293/-	"	330/-	"
Seamer	314/-	"	334/-	"
<u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	322/6 to 360/-	"	322/6 to 360/-	"
Packerman	298/-	"	298/-	"
Purifierman	302/6	"	302/6	"
Smuttermen	302/6	"	302/6	"
Storeman (Head)	305/- & 313/-	"	305/- & 313/-	"
Topman	302/6	"	302/6	"
<u>PASTRYCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	289/-	"	274/-	"
Pastrycook	323/-	"	325/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 30TH JUNE, 1956 (CONT'D)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>	s.	d.	s.	d.
Bootmaker	302/-	40	302/-	40
<u>TAILORING (ORDER)-</u>				
Cutter	381/-	"	329/-	"
Presser	297/-	"	297/-	"
Tailor	306/-	"	306/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)-</u>				
Cutter	310/-	"	310/-	"
Presser	297/-	"	297/-	"
Tailor	306/-	"	306/-	"
Trimmer	297/-	"	297/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING -</u>				
<u>(Woollen Mills)-</u>				
Carder	280/-	"	280/-	"
Dyehouseman	280/-	"	280/-	"
Labourer (General)	251/-	"	251/-	"
Scourer (Wool)	280/-	"	280/- & 289/6	"
Spinner	280/-	"	280/-	"
Loom tuner	276/- to 348/-	"	276/- to 318/-	"
Warper (Plain)	283/-	"	283/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Finisher	328/-	"	320/-	"
Bookbinder	328/-	"	320/-	"
Paper Ruler	320/-	"	320/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
<u>Compositor (Machine) -</u>				
Day Work	390/6 to 416/-	"	400/6	38
Night Work	410/6 to 436/-	"	425/6	"
<u>Machinist (First Hand)-</u>				
Day Work	359/6 to 371/-	"	385/9	40
Night Work	379/6 to 391/-	"	410/9	38
<u>Publisher - (Day & Night)</u>	329/6 to 366/-	"	320/3 to 370/9	38 & 40
<u>Reader -</u>				
Day Work	362/6 & 381/-	"	376/-	40
Night Work	382/6 & 401/-	"	401/-	38
<u>Stereotyper -</u>				
Day Work	362/- to 371/-	"	381/3	39
Night Work	382/- to 391/-	"	406/3	38
<u>PRINTING (JOBGING OFFICES)-</u>				
Compositor	328/- to 350/6	"	320/- to 342/6	40
Linotype Operator	350/6	"	342/6	"
Machinist	328/-	"	320/-	"
Reader	335/6	"	327/6	"
Stereotyper	328/-	"	320/-	"
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>				
Burner	296/6 & 304/6	40	307/-	40
Pitman	319/6	"	321/6 & 327/6	"
Drawer	326/6	"	306/6 to 319/-	"
Trucker	315/-	"	301/-	"
Setter	326/6	"	306/6 & 319/-	"
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING -</u>				
Bodysmaker, 1st Class	328/-	"	320/-	"
Labourer	256/-	"	248/-	"
Painter	281/6 to 320/6	"	273/6 to 312/6	"
Springmaker	304/- to 328/-	"	296/- to 320/-	"
Trimmer	303/- & 320/6	"	295/- & 312/6	"
Wheelwright	328/-	"	320/-	"

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WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 30TH JUNE, 1956(Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
Coke Trimmer	285/-	40	277/-	40
Gasfitter	349/-	"	336/9	"
Labourer	272/-	"	271/-	"
Meter Tester	293/- & 308/-	"	306/-	"
Service Layer	313/-	"	298/6	"
Service Layer's Labourer	282/-	"	274/-	"
Stoker	303/-	"	296/-	"
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	326/-	"	331/-	"
Mounter	301/- to 341/-	"	306/- to 346/-	"
Setter	326/- to 341/-	"	318/6 to 346/-	"
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK</u>				
Canvas Worker	293/- to 305/-	"	285/- to 297/-	"
Leather Worker	299/- to 305/-	"	292/- to 297/-	"
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u>				
Beamsman	306/6	"	298/6	"
Labourer	276/6	"	268/6	"
Linememan	298/6	"	290/6	"
Machinist -				
Shaving	307/6 to 315/-	"	299/6 to 307/-	"
Skilleting	321/6 to 331/6	"	313/6 to 323/6	"
Unhairing	306/6	"	298/6	"
Tableman	300/6 to 307/6	"	292/6 to 299/6	"
<u>BUILDING *</u>				
Bricklayer(Surface)	373/4	40	369/2	40
Bricklayer(sewer and tunnel)	386/8	"	384/9	"
Carpenter	380/-	"	358/6	"
Mason (Stone)	358/-	"	327/-(a)	"
Painter	361/8	"	366/8	"
Paperhanger	361/8	"	366/8	"
Signwriter	374/2	"	366/8	"
Plasterer(Surface)	368/3	"	369/2	"
Plumber	369/9	"	370/3	"
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	306/8	"	293/4	"
Carpenter's	306/8	"	293/4	"
Concrete Worker	306/8	"	293/4	"
Earth Excavator	306/8	"	293/4	"
Gear Worker	317/6	"	304/2	"
Scaffold Hand	317/6	"	304/2	"
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS</u>				
<u>Engine Driver Loco -</u>				
Steam, diesel electric or electric	375/- & 390/-	Ø	375/- & 390/-	Ø
Express mail or passenger	405/-	Ø	405/-	Ø
Shunting Engine	330/- & 345/-	Ø	322/6-& 331/6	Ø
<u>Fireman</u>				
Ordinary	292/6 & 307/6	Ø	292/6-& 307/6	Ø
Express mail or passenger	315/-	Ø	315/-	Ø
Shunting Engine	279/- to 288/6	Ø	273/6 to 288/6	Ø
<u>Guard</u>				
1st Class	315/- to 333/-	Ø	348/-	Ø
2nd Class	309/-	Ø	311/- to 333/-	Ø
<u>Porter-</u>	272/- to 278/-	Ø	272/6 to 305/-	Ø
<u>Shunter-</u>				
Head	367/6 to 393/-	+	+
Leading	325/6 to 351/6	+	325/6 to 363/6	+
Ordinary	288/- to 309/-	+	288/- to 309/-	+

* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job etc.
(a) Rate for Stonemason.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, 30TH JUNE, 1956 (Continued)

	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (CONT'D)				
	s.	d.	s.	d.
RAILWAYS(Con'td)				
Signalman -				
1st Class	371/6	+	345/-	+
2nd Class	356/6	Ø	328/-	Ø
3rd Class	345/-	Ø	315/-	Ø
TRAMWAYS -				
Conductor -				
1st Year	278/6	Ø	279/-	Ø
2nd Year	293/6	Ø	294/6	Ø
Thereafter	293/6	Ø	294/6	Ø
Labourer	271/6	Ø	274/-	Ø
Track Repairer	279/- & 292/-	Ø	282/-	Ø
Motorman-				
1st Year	301/-	Ø	301/-	Ø
2nd Year	301/-	Ø	301/-	Ø
Thereafter	301/-	Ø	301/-	Ø
Pitman	308/6	Ø	305/-	Ø
+ 76 hours per fortnight		Ø 80 hours per fortnight.		
TRANSPORT (OTHER)				
CARRYING MERCHANDISE -				
Carter -				
1 Horse	289/-	40	268/6	40
2 Horses	296/-	"	281/-	"
Stable Hand	286/6	"	263/-	"
Motor Lorries & Waggon -				
3 tons	310/-	"	290/6	"
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	314/- to 322/-	"	300/-	"
WHARF LABOUR -				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	8/10		3/10	
HOTELS ETC.				
HOTELS -				
Barman	293/-	40	285/-	40
Billiard Marker	273/-	"	265/-	"
Cook	283/- to 368/-	"	275/- to 360/-	"
Handyman	273/-	"	263/-	"
Kitchenman	273/-	"	263/-	"
Porter	273/-	"	263/-	"
Waiter	273/-	"	263/-	"
HAIRDRESSING -				
Hairdresser (Mens)	311/- to 321/-	"	321/-	"
GENERAL LABOUR				
FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	305/6 & 316/-	40	297/6 & 308/-	40
2nd Class	295/- & 305/6	"	287/- & 297/6	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	298/-	"	290/-	"
2nd Class	285/6	"	277/6	"
MUNICIPAL -				
Labourer	313/-	"	272/6	"
Street Sweeper	324/-	"	278/-	"
SHOP ASSISTANTS -				
Boot Salesman	308/-	"	306/-	"
Drapery Salesman	308/-	"	306/-	"
Furniture Salesman	308/-	"	310/-	"
Grocery Salesman	308/-	"	300/6	"
Hardware Salesman	308/-	"	306/-	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	308/-	"	306/-	"
STOREMAN AND PACKERS -				
Packer (General)	293/6 & 297/6	"	299/6	"
Storeman (General)	293/6 & 297/6	"	299/6	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, 30TH JUNE, 1956 (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY.		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>FOOD.</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
Biscuit Making	194/-	40	212/-	40
Confectionery	206/-	"	207/-	"
<u>CLOTHING & TEXTILES</u>				
Bootmaking	206/6	40	206/6	40
Dressmaking	190/6 to 220/6	"	190/6 to 220/6	"
Millinery	190/6 to 220/6	"	190/6 to 220/6	"
Shirt Making	190/6 to 220/6	"	190/6 to 220/6	"
Underclothing	190/6 to 220/6	"	190/6 to 220/6	"
<u>TAILORING - ORDER -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	220/6	"	220/6	"
Trousers & Vest Hand	208/-	"	208/-	"
Tailoress	236/6	"	236/6	"
Adult Female	190/6	"	190/6	"
<u>TAILORING - READYMADE -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	210/6	"	210/6	"
Trousers & Vest Hand	205/6	"	205/6	"
Tailoress	297/6	"	297/6	"
Adult Female	190/6	"	190/6	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS</u>				
Comb Minder	204/6	"	204/6	"
Darner & Mender	206/6 & 209/6	"	206/6 & 209/6	"
Warper, Plain	206/6	"	206/6	"
Weaver (Loom)	209/6	"	209/6	"
Gillbox Minder	202/6	"	202/6	"
Other Adult	188/6	"	188/6	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Folder	213/6	40	207/6	40
Sewer	213/6	"	207/6	"
<u>CARDBOARD BOX -</u>				
Boxmaker	211/6 to 218/-	"	205/6 to 212/-	"
Other	202/-	"	196/-	"
<u>Printing -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	213/6	"	207/6	"
<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barmaid	227/-	40	285/-	40
Housemaid	206/6	"	200/6	"
Laundress	207/6	"	201/6	"
Waitress - Head	213/6	"	207/6	"
Other	206/6	"	200/6	"
<u>RESTAURANTS -</u>				
Pantry Maid	199/6	"	201/6	"
Waitress	199/6	"	201/6	"
<u>CLERKS -</u>				
Cashiers (Shops)	224/-	"	234/6	"
Clerical Assistants	217/-	"	234/6	"
<u>SHOPS</u>				
Boot Saleswoman	224/- & 305/-	"	217/-	"
Drapery Saleswoman	224/- & 308/-	"	217/- & 303/6	"
Fruit & Confectionery Saleswoman	224/-	"	213/-	"
Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman	224/-	"	199/6 & 206/-	"